SMALL SCHOOL
BIG EDUCATION

Rigor, Respect, Responsibility

VANGUARD
COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Founded in 1973
Rigor Respect Responsibility
Our early years were fueled by innovation and the idea that we could be fully committed to educational excellence and the personal growth of every student.
Today, our vision and values are rooted in that same commitment to innovation and educational excellence.

**VISION**

Our vision is to provide the best college preparation in Central Texas. Our school is a private, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students in grades 7-12. Qualified students are admitted regardless of race, religion, or ethnic origin.

**VALUES**

The foundation of the Vanguard experience is based on our core values – **Rigor**, **Respect and Responsibility**. The community of Vanguard students, faculty, administrators and parents are committed to a personalized learning experience that prepares each student to excel at the collegiate level and beyond.
Preparing students for a successful & meaningful future has been our focus for nearly fifty years.
CORE VALUES PROVIDE a GUIDING HAND.

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”
— Denis Waitley
RIGOR
Our collegiate-style campus and small class sizes provide students with the academic freedom to discover intellectual and personal passions through a demanding curriculum taught by motivated educators. Beyond a robust regimen of core subjects, our students are challenged by their peers and the faculty to explore the meaning of complex information and to apply knowledge in the service of their communities and careers.

RESPONSIBILITY
We develop responsible students by entrusting them with an age-appropriate degree of freedom, balanced with clearly defined standards of behavior and accountability. The interaction of freedom and accountability between students, faculty and administration helps each student exercise the integrity, self-discipline, and responsibility necessary for success at the collegiate level.

RESPECT
We provide a supportive, safe environment for our students. The foundation of this environment is based on mutual respect among individuals, students, faculty, parents and the administration. The culture of mutual respect extends beyond the classroom onto the campus, athletic fields, students’ homes and the surrounding community. Our students’ self-respect and their respect for others are foundational to success in any endeavor after Vanguard.
When students leave Vanguard equipped to take on the world and eager to work diligently to achieve their dreams, we’re filled with overflowing pride. We have over 1,297 alumni across the world reaching for the stars.

PREPARED for LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

Alexandra Deaver
Management Information Coordinator, Screen Actors Guild/AFTRA
VANGUARD 2014

Will Clifton, MD
Director of Global Medical Innovation, Rice University; Director of Medical Affairs, Procyrion; Founder at Enventure
VANGUARD 2003

Peter Debruge
Chief Film Critic, Variety
VANGUARD 1997

Scott Silver
Movie Producer and Editor; Founder - Silvatar Media
VANGUARD 2002

Nick Deaver
Commercial Loan Officer at American Bank
VANGUARD 2008

Chad Robinson
Manager, Brazos River Capital, LLC
VANGUARD 2007

Also pictured Rufus Spain (center)
Mary Morrison Bennett  
Fellow, Institute for Play Therapy  
at Texas State University  
VANGUARD 1992

Shea Squires Stanley  
Founding Partner,  
Little Steps Hong Kong  
VANGUARD 1997

Pat Green  
Country Artist and Entertainer  
VANGUARD 1990

Henry Boehm  
Texas 40 Acres Scholar  
VANGUARD 2015

Ryan Squires  
Baylor Young Lawyer of the Year 2016  
Austin’s Outstanding Young Lawyer of The Year 2013  
VANGUARD 1995

Carolyn Raymond  
Senior Copywriter, Kendo Brands  
VANGUARD 2007

Rodney Ganske  
Partner and Lawyer,  
Alston & Bird;  
Harvard Law School  
VANGUARD 1996
Gabrielle Anne Massey  
Chief Prosecutor Family Violence Division, McLennan County Criminal District Attorney's Office  
**Vanguard 1997**

Carolyn Crouch  
Owner & Chief Alchemist, Alchemy Pops  
**Vanguard 2005**

Grant Miller  
Director of the Stanford Center for Global Poverty and Development; Associate Professor in the Stanford School of Medicine  
**Vanguard 1991**

Alexandra Jones Adesina, MD  
Family Medicine Resident, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
**Vanguard 2006**

Evan Paul  
12th Grade English Teacher, MLK College Preparatory High School; Teach For America Corps Member  
**Vanguard 2014**

Pierce Lehr  
Director, BDS Development Programs - Space Systems  
**Vanguard 2001**

Chris Wilke  
VP of Product Management, P2 Energy Solutions  
**Vanguard 1993**
Britain Catlin Bruner
Chemist & Subject Matter Expert, The United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
VANGUARD 2005

Mallory SoRelle
Assistant Professor of American Politics and Public Policy, Lafayette College
VANGUARD 2002

Eloisa Esparza
Forensic Scientist & Blood Alcohol Analyst, Texas Department of Public Safety
VANGUARD 1998

Callie Hyde
Student, Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.
VANGUARD 2012

Megan Richie Uerling
Veterinary Radiologist, Idexx Laboratories
VANGUARD 1993

Claire Cole
Graduate Student, Relay Graduate School of Education; Princeton University (2012)
VANGUARD 2008
65% of Vanguard Faculty and Staff have a Master’s or Ph.D.’s, from top colleges including Berkley, Cambridge, Vassar, University of Texas, Baylor, and more.
Our teachers make the difference. Each is committed to the growth and development of every student. Each is committed to teaching in a way that reinforces the values that make Vanguard unique. Each has a hand in making Vanguard the best private school in Waco.

GREAT TEACHERS MAKE A GREAT SCHOOL

2013 - 2018
Heart Of Texas Readers’ Choice Award

2016 - 2018
Voted Best Private High School in Waco

2017-2018
NICHE
Ranked 24th Best in the State of Texas among Private Schools
≠1 in Best High Schools for STEM in Waco
≠1 Most Diverse Private High School in Waco

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
EACH STUDENT MATTERS at VANGUARD

Teacher/Student Ratio: Average Class Size:

1 : 13 15 12 20

Vanguard Texas Ave

Source: Public School Review

VANGUARD’S AVERAGE
— teacher to student ratio is 1:13
— average class size is 12

THE STATE AVERAGE
— teacher to student ratio is 1:15
— average class size is 20

COLLEGE PREPARATORY EDUCATION

We specialize in individualized student attention with hands-on learning and a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum. We work to instill time management, organization skills, and study habits that will benefit students for the rest of their lives.

WE are NATIONAL COMPETITORS

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS
— Vanguard has produced 41 National Merit Semifinalists in the past 17 years. Forty of them were selected as National Merit Finalists.
SOMETHING for EVERYONE

We have 18 extracurricular clubs, an award-winning art program where students can paint, draw, sculpt, weld, and work wood, and a non-selective athletic program that boasts 47 state team titles, more than any school in Central Texas.

CLUBS
Spanish
Latin
Student Council
Class Government
Mountainview Mentors
FCA
Chess
Entrepreneurs
Outdoor Club
Mock Trial
Debate
National Honor Society
Mu Alpha Theta
Chemistry
Glee
Environmental Club
Viking Line
Drum Line

SPORTS
Football
Basketball
Baseball
Softball
Volleyball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Soccer
Swimming
Track
Tennis
Golf

A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

20 Zip Codes
5 Countries

A PLACE FOR ALL TO LEARN
— We have students from 20 different zip codes across Central Texas at Vanguard.
— International students attend from Brazil, South Korea, Vietnam, and China.
— Students come to Vanguard from local Public Schools and many local Private Schools.

REPRESENTING OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY

We offer financial aid to families to allow bright young students from an array of backgrounds to obtain an outstanding foundation and education.
EQUIPPED for HIGHER EDUCATION

2017 Average SAT Score: 1600 scale

- Vanguard Avg
- Texas Avg

The 2017 Vanguard average SAT score is 36% higher than the Texas and National averages.

GUIDING SAT AND ACT READINESS

Students receive a full year of SAT/ACT preparation. Over the past 5 years, our students have maintained an average of a 26.94 on the ACT. This is almost 30% higher than the national average of 20.76. We’ve also had 96.8% of our students meet the English benchmark for college readiness, which is determined by ACT.

GRADUATING with COLLEGE CREDIT

Students are prepared each day for college and beyond. 84% of our students who take Advanced Placement (AP) tests achieve high passing scores.
The 75 members of the graduating classes of 2017/18 received more than $9.4 million in academic scholarship offers from colleges & universities across the nation.
Vanguard graduates have been accepted to the following colleges and universities all across the Nation.
Sewanee: The University of the South
South Dakota State University
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Edward’s University
Stanford University
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The American University of Paris
The Citadel
Trinity University
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California, Berkeley
University of California at Davis
University of California at San Diego
University of California Los Angeles
University of Central Florida
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Charleston
University of Chicago
University of Colorado
University of Dallas
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Tulsa
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech University
Wake Forest University
Washington & Lee University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
West Virginia University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wheaton College
Wichita State University
Williams College
Wheaton College
Xavier University
We’ve had many notable achievements, and grown our programs and campus over the years.
ACADEMICS & GROWTH
— Our Advanced Placement options and Dual Credit classes have increased.
— We’ve taught over fifty international students from over five different countries.
— Our award-winning Art department had more medals in the past two years than any school in Waco, Texas.
— We’ve expanded our educational technology initiative, including robotics, coding and 3D printing.
— The music program was expanded to include orchestra, strings, and drumline.
— We’ve recruited and expanded our faculty, with over 60% of the faculty now having advanced degrees.

CAMPUSS UPGRADERS
— Three new buildings were added to the campus in the past fifteen years, including a dedicated art building.
— We’ve added state of the art Chemistry and Physics labs.
— We upgraded our gym with a new air conditioning system.

ATHLETIC MERITS
— With forty-seven titles, we’ve won more State team titles than any school in Central Texas.
— We’ve added additional Varsity level sports teams.
— An onsite Athletic Trainer is now part of our Athletic program.
The Vanguard Foundation was established in 1992. The foundation manages Vanguard’s permanent endowment and awards two yearly scholarships – the Distinguished Faculty Award and the Arminda Bewley Award. The foundation helps support academic, arts and athletics programs and enhances opportunities to reduce our reliance on tuition alone.

BUILDING VANGUARD for TODAY & TOMORROW.

Every gift given enables talented faculty and staff to engage students in meaningful and challenging ways, and helps provide for the future of our school and students.
We believe with the right direction, guidance, and support, all students are capable of great things. At Vanguard, the good of each individual student will always be our focus.